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MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the American Peace Society met in Pilgrim Hall, Boston, May 25, 1891, at 2 P. M. Rev. A. A. Miner, D. D., was elected to the chair. Prayer by Rev. S. C. Bushnell. Rev. G. W. Stearns was elected Secretary *pro tem*. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

“Voted, That the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be made directly to the Committee and afterwards to the Society.”

Report of Thomas H. Russell, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund, was read by Rev. S. C. Bushnell.

“Voted, to receive and place on file.”

Report of Treasurer, F. M. Patten, duly audited, was submitted, accepted and filed. Report of Rev. R. B. Howard, Secretary, was read and accepted.

Adjourned.

G. W. STEARNS, Sec. *pro tem*.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the American Peace Society was held in Pilgrim Hall, Boston, May 25, 1891, at 2.30 P. M. Hon. W. E. Sheldon was elected to the chair, and Rev. G. W. Stearns was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

Prayer was offered by Secretary R. B. Howard. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Reports of Treasurer, F. M. Patten, and Auditor, D. C. Heath, were read and accepted.

A committee of three was elected to make nominations of officers for the ensuing year. The chair appointed Rev. S. C. Bushnell, D. C. Heath and Samuel Buffum to constitute the said committee.

“Voted, That Article VIII of the Constitution be amended so as to make the Auditor *ex officio* a member of the Executive Committee.

“Voted, To substitute in Article VII of the By-laws the word “Finance” for the present word “Bills.”

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Corresponding Secretary, R. B. Howard; Recording Secretary, D. Richards; Treasurer, F. M. Patten; Auditor, D. C. Heath; together with a list of names for Vice-Presidents, Directors and Executive Committee (for which see opposite page). The report was accepted.

The Secretary *pro tem*. was authorized by the unanimous vote of those present to cast a ballot for those named by the Nominating Committee. He did so and they were declared elected.

“Voted, That the same committee report a nomination for President.”

Secretary Howard submitted a resolution in reference to the Samoan Islands. Referred to the Executive Committee with full discretionary power as to the phraseology.

For Resolutions finally adopted see below.

Committee on Nominations nominated Hon. Robert Treat Paine of Boston for President. Report accepted and Mr. Paine was unanimously elected President by ballot.

The following named persons were by vote requested to represent this Society at the Universal Peace Congress at Rome, in November next; Executive Committee being empowered to fill vacancies.

Hon. R. T. Paine, Hon. C. C. Bonney, Hon. P. C. Garrett, Rev. W. A. Campbell, D. D., Bishop Fitzgerald, Rev. W. A. Waterman, Hon. J. W. Paterson, Hon. Jonathan Chace, Hon. W. R. Whiting.

A resolution of the Executive Committee was read urging immediate governmental mediation in Chilian affairs, and a letter was read from William H. Wharton, acting Secretary of State, declaring that such mediation had been offered.

Adjourned.

G. W. STEARNS, Sec. *pro tem*.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Resolved, That, owing to an increasing conviction that reason should take the place of force in settling international differences, we rejoice in multiplied arbitrations, and in an increasing number of arbitral treaties between our own and other countries. In order that juridical policy may have added dignity, permanence and power, we would urge the establishment of an international tribunal to which questions unadjusted by negotiation may be referred for final discussion.

Resolved, That we reaffirm our conviction that the immense and increasing armaments are oppressive to the people and dangerous to the peace of the world, and, therefore, we would urge upon the nations the duty of immediate, simultaneous, proportionate and gradual disarmament.

Resolved, That we protest against entering upon the policy of great armaments such as exist in Europe by the United States.